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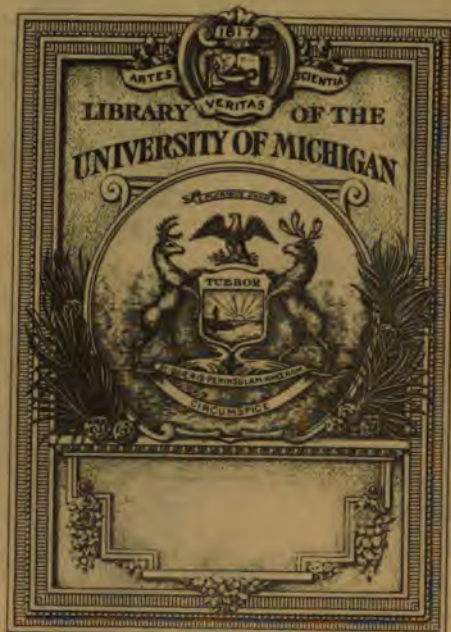
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Michigan - Library Buildings



THE GIFT OF
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Some
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LIBRARY OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN, AT MADISON

Madison
Wisconsin Free Library Commission
1904

THE WISCONSIN FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION

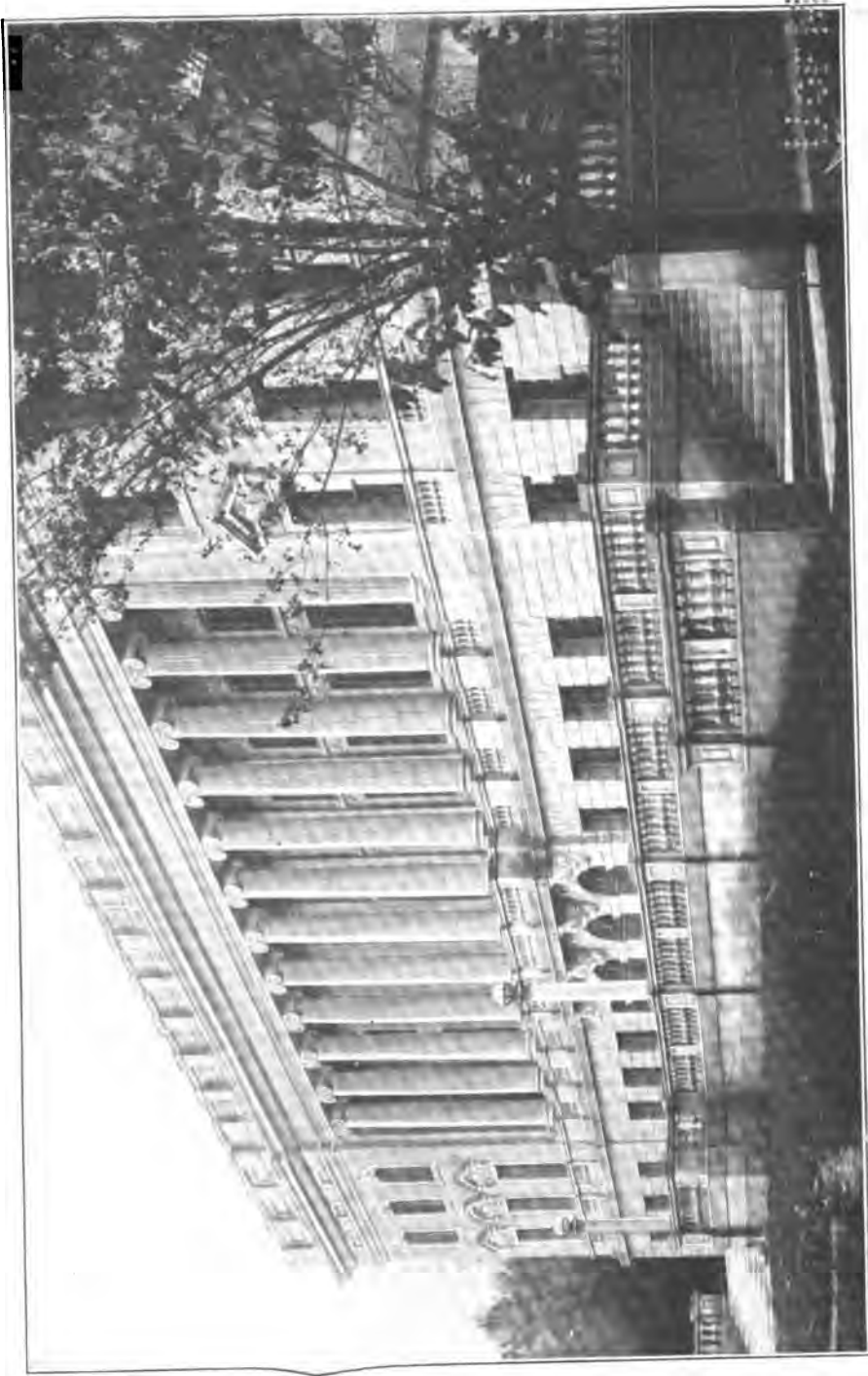
THE CAPITOL, AT MADISON

The Wisconsin Free Library Commission was created by an act of the legislature of 1895. It consists of five members, and its duties are to "give advice and counsel to all free libraries in the state and to all communities which may propose to establish them, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, the selection of books, cataloging and other details of library management."

The Commission was organized December 3, 1895, and proved so useful that the next legislature gave it larger means and duties. It was re-organized under the amended law April 24, 1897. At sessions of the legislature in 1901 and 1903 the scope of the work to be done by the Commission was again broadened and it was given more means. It consists of five members; two of them are appointed by the Governor and three are members ex-officio. Hon. James H. Stout, of Menomonie, and Mrs. Charles S. Morris, of Berlin, are members by appointment. The ex-officio members are President Charles R. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, State Superintendent Charles P. Cary, and Secretary Reuben G. Thwaites, of the State Historical Society. Commissioner Stout is Chairman; Commissioner Thwaites, Vice Chairman; and Frank A. Hutchins, of Madison, Secretary.

Aside from giving aid in organizing new libraries and re-organizing old ones, the Commission maintains a system of traveling libraries; a clearing house for periodicals, with the object of building up reference libraries of bound periodicals in the public libraries of the state; a document department, for the care and exchange of state documents; in connection with this department, and in co-operation with the State Historical Library, a legislative reference library; a summer school for library training, for the purpose of improving the service in small public libraries. It also issues frequent book lists for the guidance of librarians and book committees, and gives advice in regard to library building plans, using the collection of plans made for the benefit of Wisconsin libraries.

When the Commission was organized in 1895 there were 28 free public libraries in the state. In January, 1904, the number had increased to 132.



LIBRARY OF STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN, AT MADISON

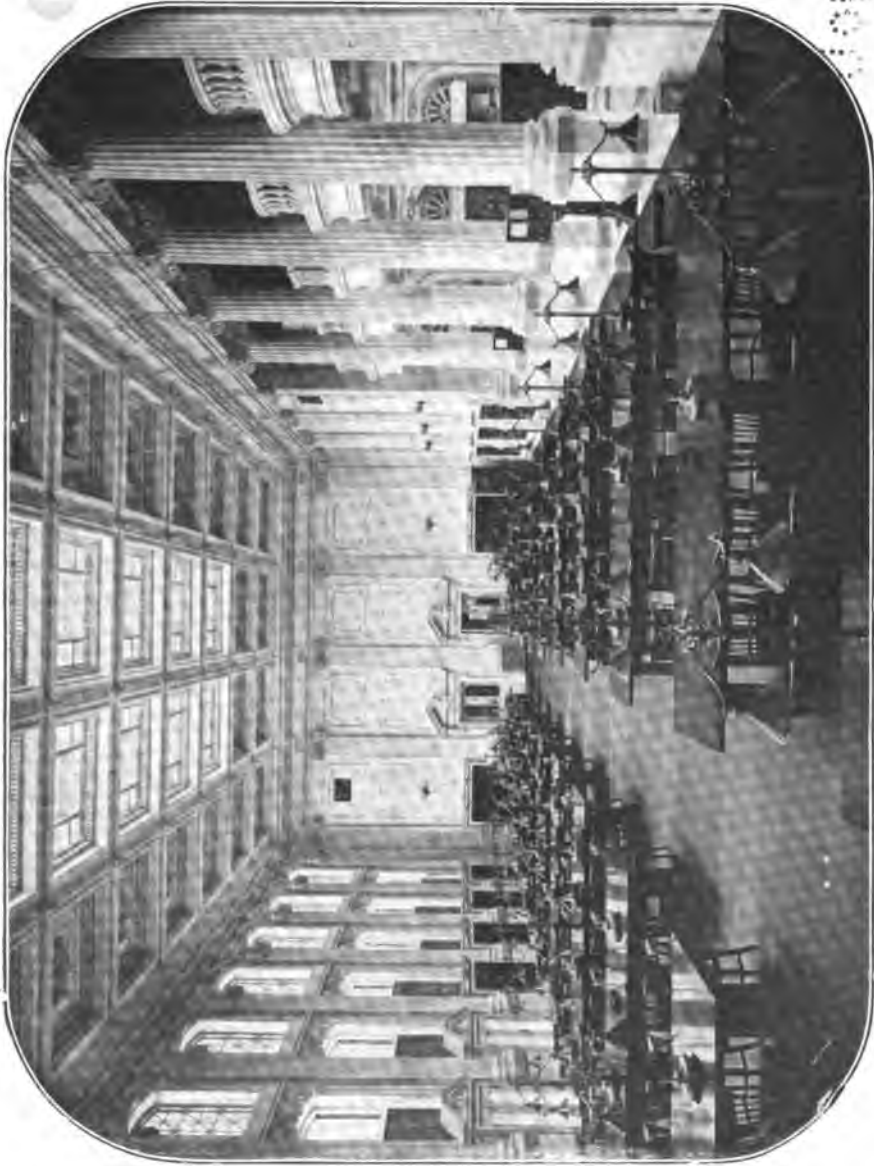
The East Front

Built by the State at a cost of \$620,000

Architects, Ferry & Clas, Milwaukee

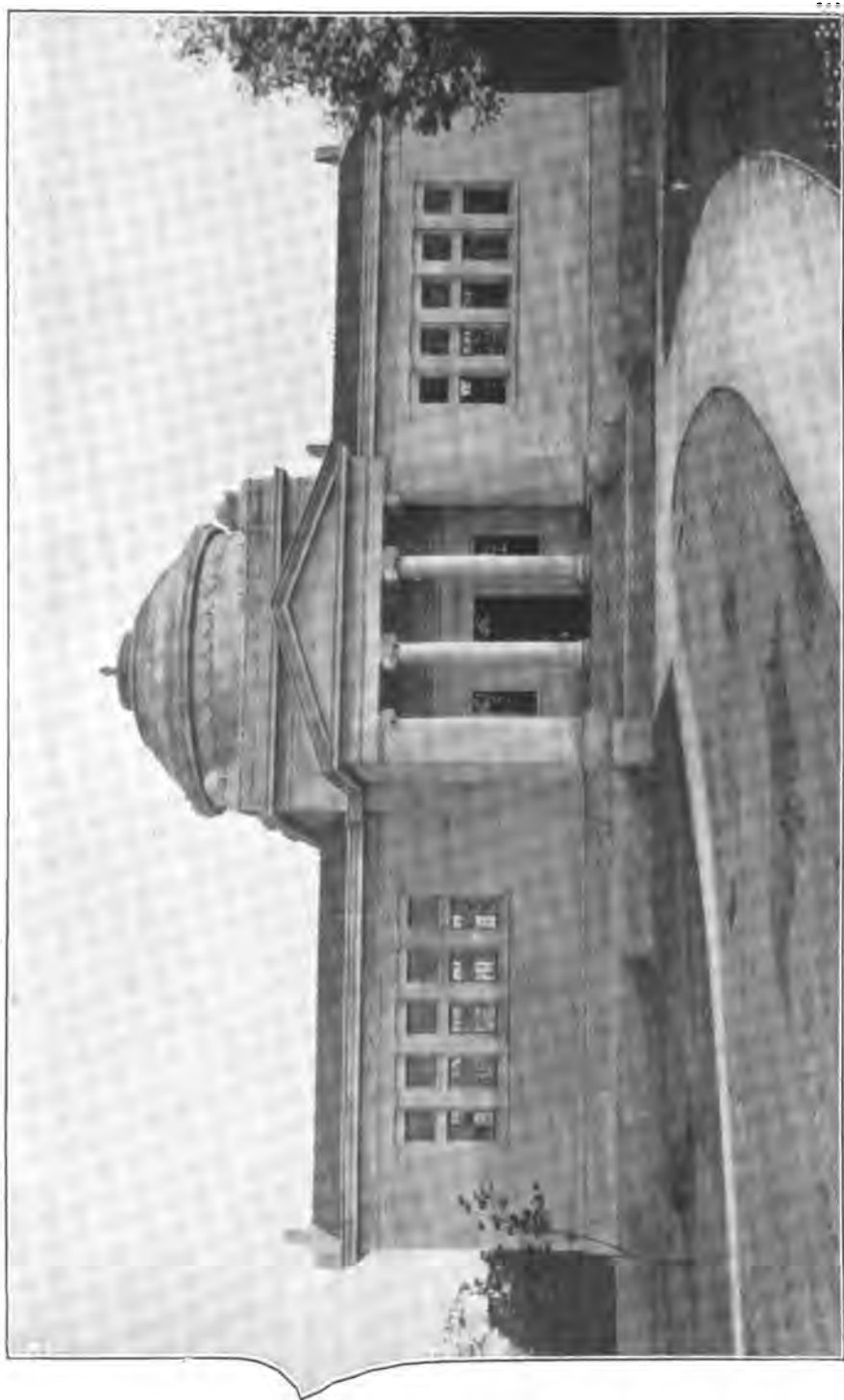
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LIBRARY OF STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN, AT MADISON
General Reading Room

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GILBERT M. SIMMONS LIBRARY, KENOSHA

Established 1899. Population 11,606. Borrowers 3,345. Circulation 55,364. Volumes 13,037. Tax \$10,251.40. Building given by Z. G. Simmons in 1899. Cost \$150,000

Architect, D. H. Burnham, Chicago

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GILBERT M. SIMMONS LIBRARY, KENOSHA
Reading Room



GILBERT M. SIMMONS LIBRARY, KENOSHA
Rotunda

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BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY



BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Established 1897. Population 5,751. Borrowers 1,226 city, 2 country. Circulation 26,588. Volumes 4,629. Tax \$1,500. Carnegie building, 1903. \$15,000
 Architects, Claude & Starck, Madison

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BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Delivery Room



BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Reading Room

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, STANLEY
Book Room



PUBLIC LIBRARY, STANLEY (D. R. MOON MEMORIAL)
Established 1901. Population 2,387. Borrowers 913. Circulation 10,082. Volumes 2,019. Tax \$800. Building presented by Mrs. Sally F. Moon
Architect, W. C. Whitney, Minneapolis. Cost about \$15,000

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, STANLEY
Reading Room



PUBLIC LIBRARY, STANLEY
Children's Room

Mr. U



PORTAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Established 1902. POPULATION 5,459. BORROWERS 1,943 city, 132 country. CIRCULATION 26,376. VOLUMES 3,995. TAX \$1,400. Room in city hall.

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PORTAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Reference Corner



PORTAGE CITY HALL—BUSINESS MEN'S ROOM
Exhibit of photographs of pioneers, part of local history collection of
Public Library

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JANESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Established 1884. Population 13,185. Borrowers 1,102. Circulation 32,757. Volumes 15,654. Tax \$3,500. Carnegie building, 1903. \$20,000. Eldred bequest of \$10,000 added to building fund for children's room
Architect, J. T. W. Jennings, Madison

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JANESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Reading Room



JANESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Children's room, showing natural history collection given by H. L. Skavlem

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FARNSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, OCONTO

Established 1903. Population 5,646. Borrowers 1,179. Volumes 2,500. Tax \$1,500. Building 1903, gift of George Farnsworth of Chicago. \$15,000

Architect, H. A. Foeller, Green Bay

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FARNSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, OCONTO
Reading Room



FARNSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, OCONTO
Children's Room

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SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Delivery Room



SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Established 1889. Population 31,091. Borrowers 3,863. Circulation 45,59
Volume 15,090. Tax \$5,000. Carnegie building 1902. \$50,000
Architect, Carl Wirth

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SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Reading Room



SUPERIOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Children's Room

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, OSHKOSH
Reading Room



PUBLIC LIBRARY, OSHKOSH
Established 1895. Population 28,284. Borrowers 5,935. Circulation 89,072. Volumes 14,463. Tax \$4,000. Building, 1900, from Harris estate and Philetus Sawyer. Cost \$55,000
Architect, William W. *W. W. Sawyer, Oshkosh*

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, APPLETON
Book Room



FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, APPLETON
Established 1897. Population 15,085. Borrowers 3,500. Circulation 48,103
Volumes 7,765. Tax \$2,464.14. Built by the city

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GREEN BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Interior



GREEN BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Established 1888. Population 18,684. Borrowers 2,500. Circulation 49,616
Volumes 9,989. Tax \$2,500. Carnegie building, 1903. \$25,000
Architect, H. A. Foeller, Green Bay

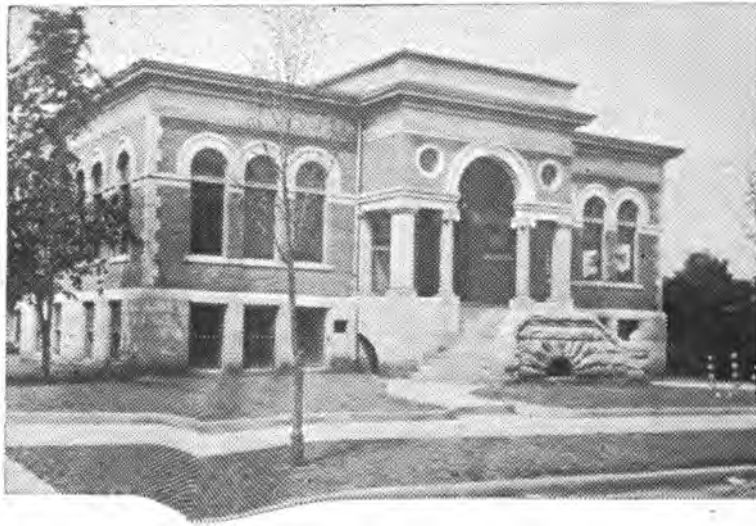
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BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Established 1895. Population 10,436. Circulation 43,454. Volumes 8,579. Tax \$2,600
Carnegie building, 1903. \$25,000
Architects, Patton & Miller, Chicago



SPARTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Established 1874. Population 3,555. Borrowers 1,052. Circulation 16,889
Volumes 3,314. Tax \$1,200. Carnegie building, 1903. \$12,000
Architects, Schick & Roth, LaCrosse

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PUBLIC LIBRARY, SHEBOYGAN

Established 1897. Population 22,962. Borrowers 5,937. Circulation 41,169. Volumes 6,533. Tax \$3,503.58. Carnegie building, 1903. \$35,000
 Architects, Patton & Miller, Chicago



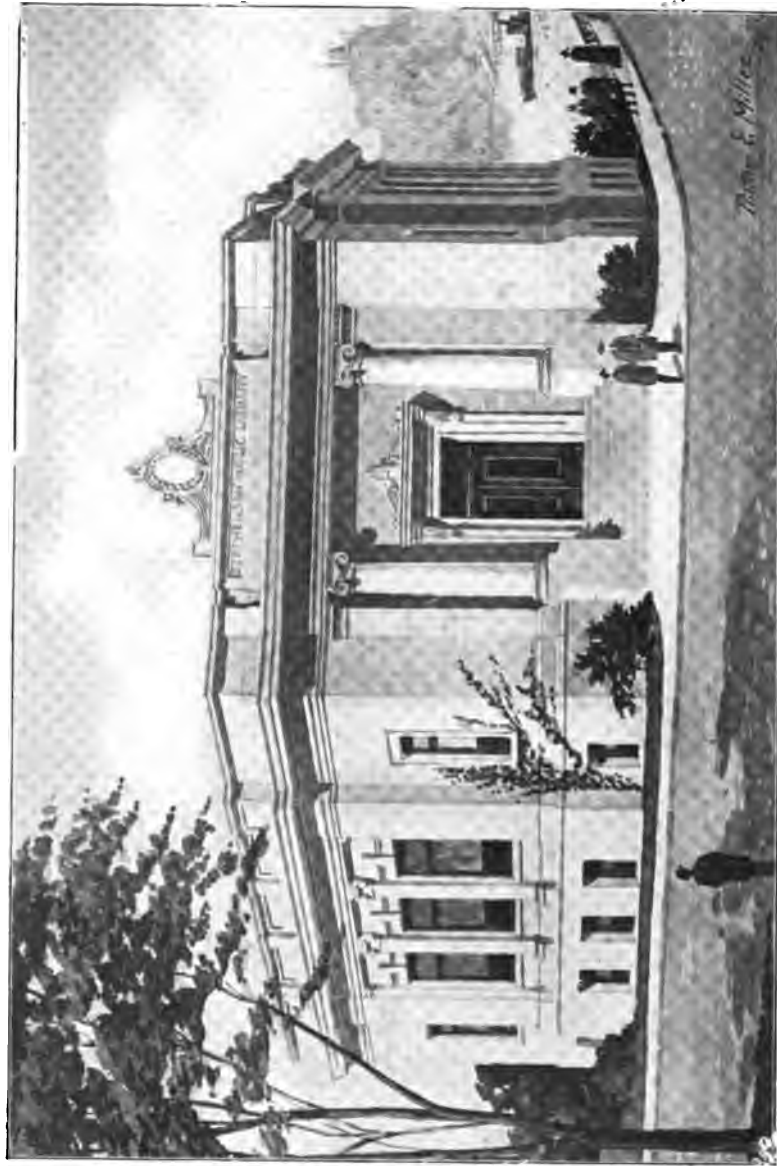
Population 4,489.
 Architect, H. A. Foy
 Borrowers 2,169. Circulation 5,032. Volumes 2,500. Tax \$1,000
 Carnegie building, 1904. \$10,000 —
 Green Bay



PUBLIC LIBRARY, LA CROSSE

Population 28,895. Borrowers 4,973. Circulation 34,318. Volumes 13,343. Tax \$1,500
Building erected in 1888, at a cost of \$17,500, the gift of ex-Gov. C. C. Washburn

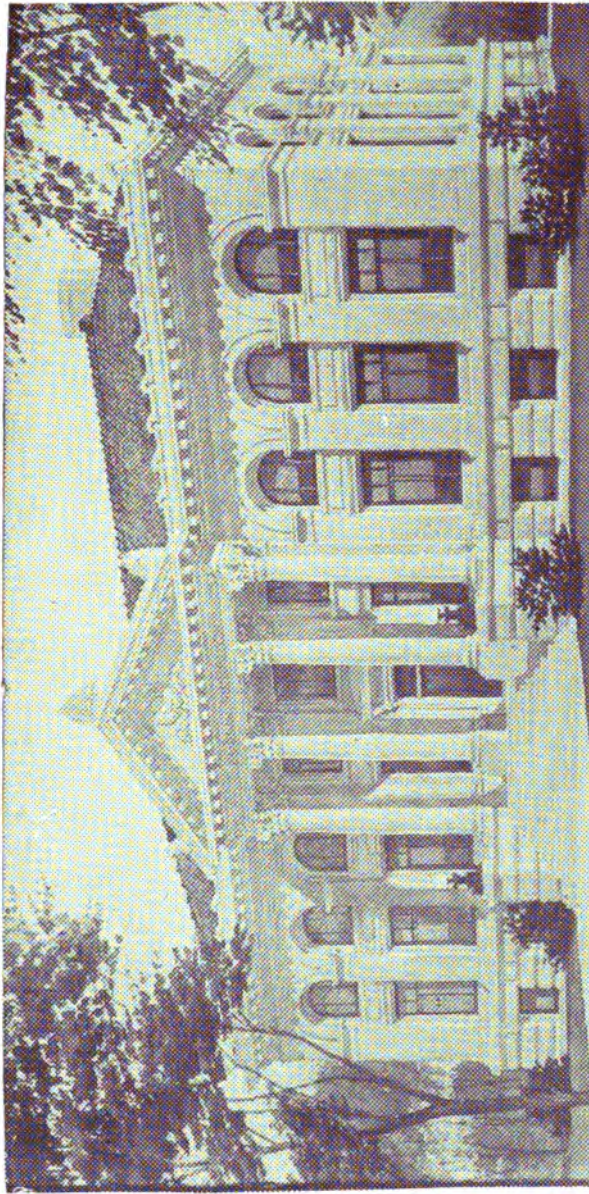
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MARINETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Established 1878. Population 16,195. Borrowers 3,735. Circulation 43,517. Volumes 6,668. Tax \$3,500. Building, 1903, Architects, Patton & Miller, Chicago
Gift of Isaac Stephenson. Cost \$30,000

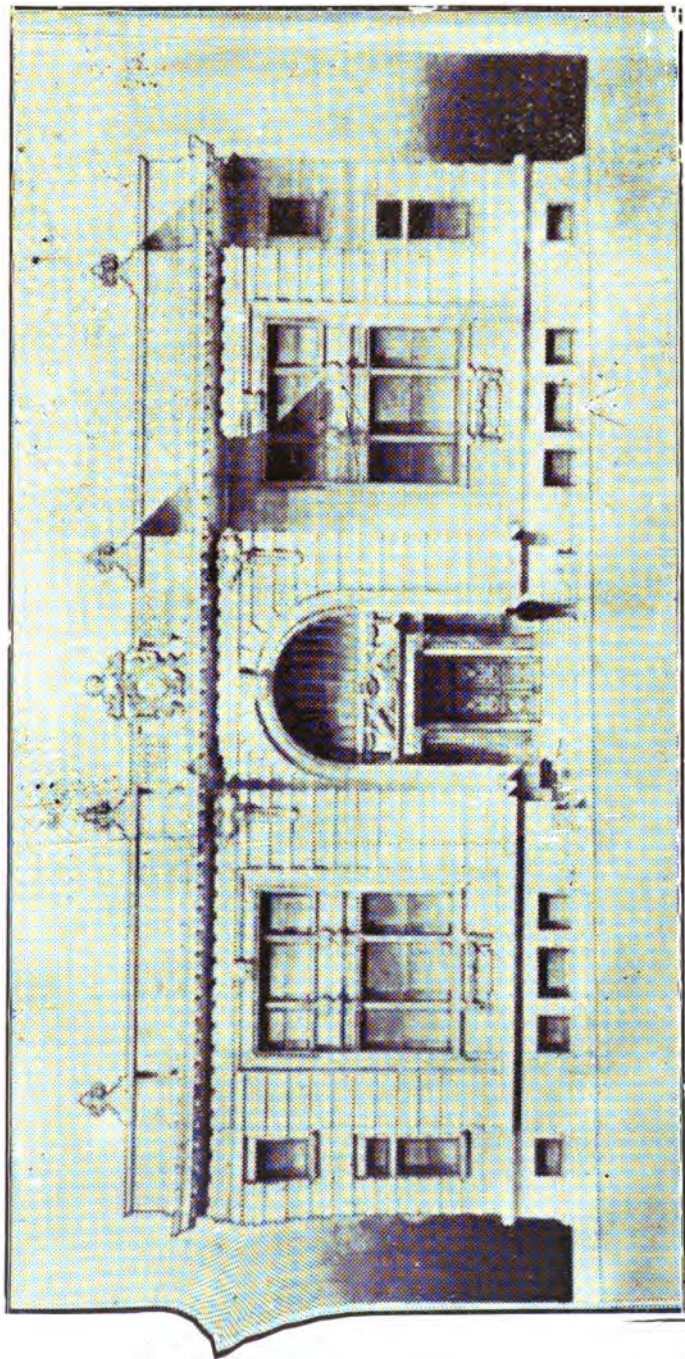
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PUBLIC LIBRARY, EAU CLAIRE

Established 1876. Population 17,517. Borrowers 6,838. Circulation 45,214. Volumes 13,539. Tax \$4,000
Architects, Patton & Miller, Chicago. Carnegie Building, 1904. \$40,000

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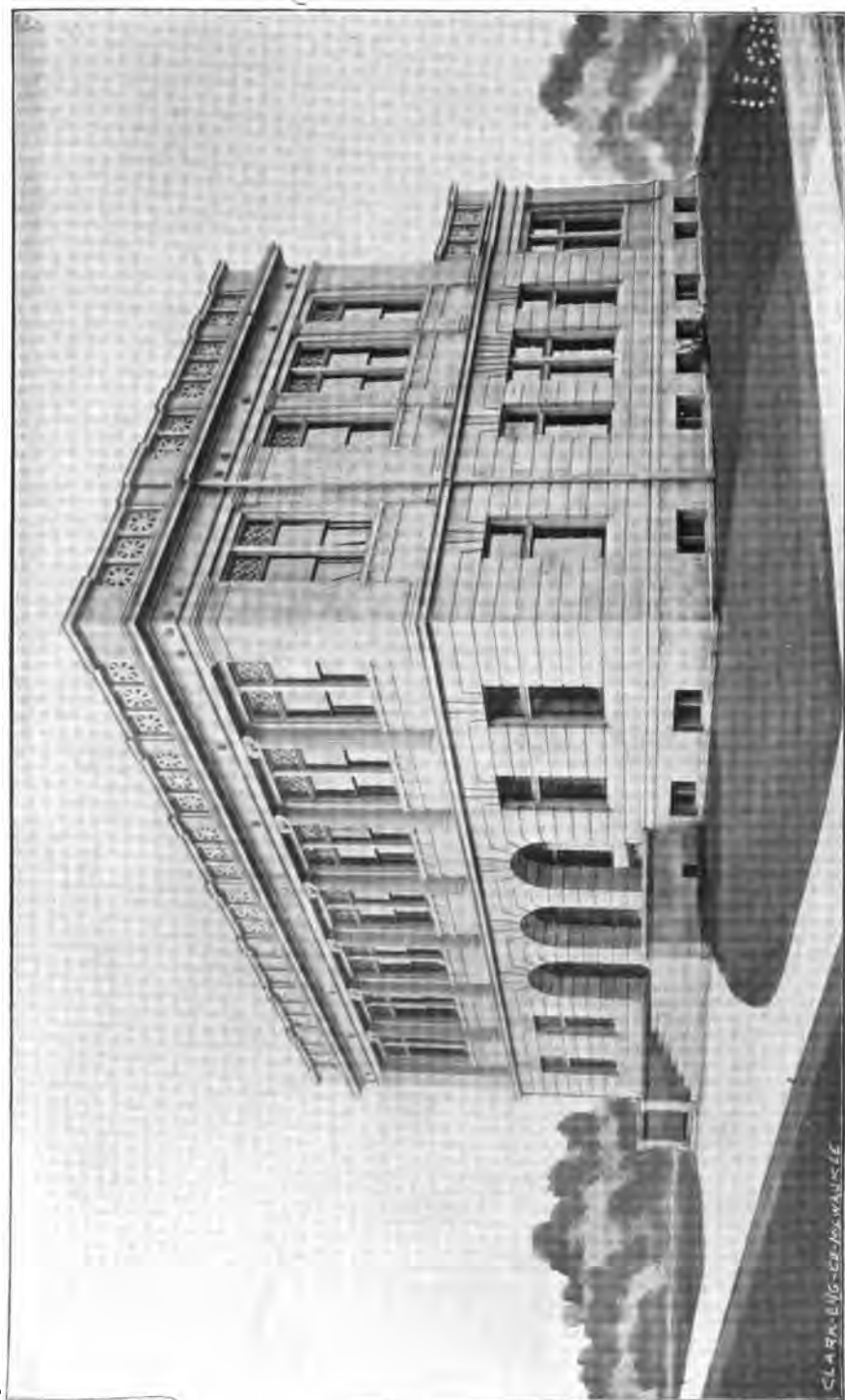


PUBLIC LIBRARY, RACINE

Established 1897. Population 29,102. Borrowers 4,460. Circulation 45,984. Volumes 29,738. Tax \$5,000
Carnegie building, 1904. \$50,000.
Architects, Mauran, Russell & Garden, St. Louis

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ELISHA D. SMITH LIBRARY, MENASHA

Established 1897. Population 5,589. Borrowers 1,547. Circulation 20,982. Volumes 4,824. Tax \$2,217.50. Building given by E. D. Smith in 1898. Cost \$20,000. Architects, Van Ryn & DeGelleke, Milwaukee

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MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY, MENOMONIE

Population 5,655. Borrowers 2,547. Circulation 31,978. Volumes 8,536. Tax \$400
 This building, housing the Memorial Free Library, was erected in 1889, at a cost, fully equipped, of \$125,000, a gift to the public from Capt. and Mrs. Andrew Tainter, of Menomonie, as a memorial of their daughter



L. D. FARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, LAKE MILLS
 Established 1902. Population 1,387. Borrowers 560. Circulation 6,087. Volumes 1,471. Tax \$500. Building given by L. D. Fargo, 1902. Cost \$8,000
 Architect, G. B. Fry. Milwaukee

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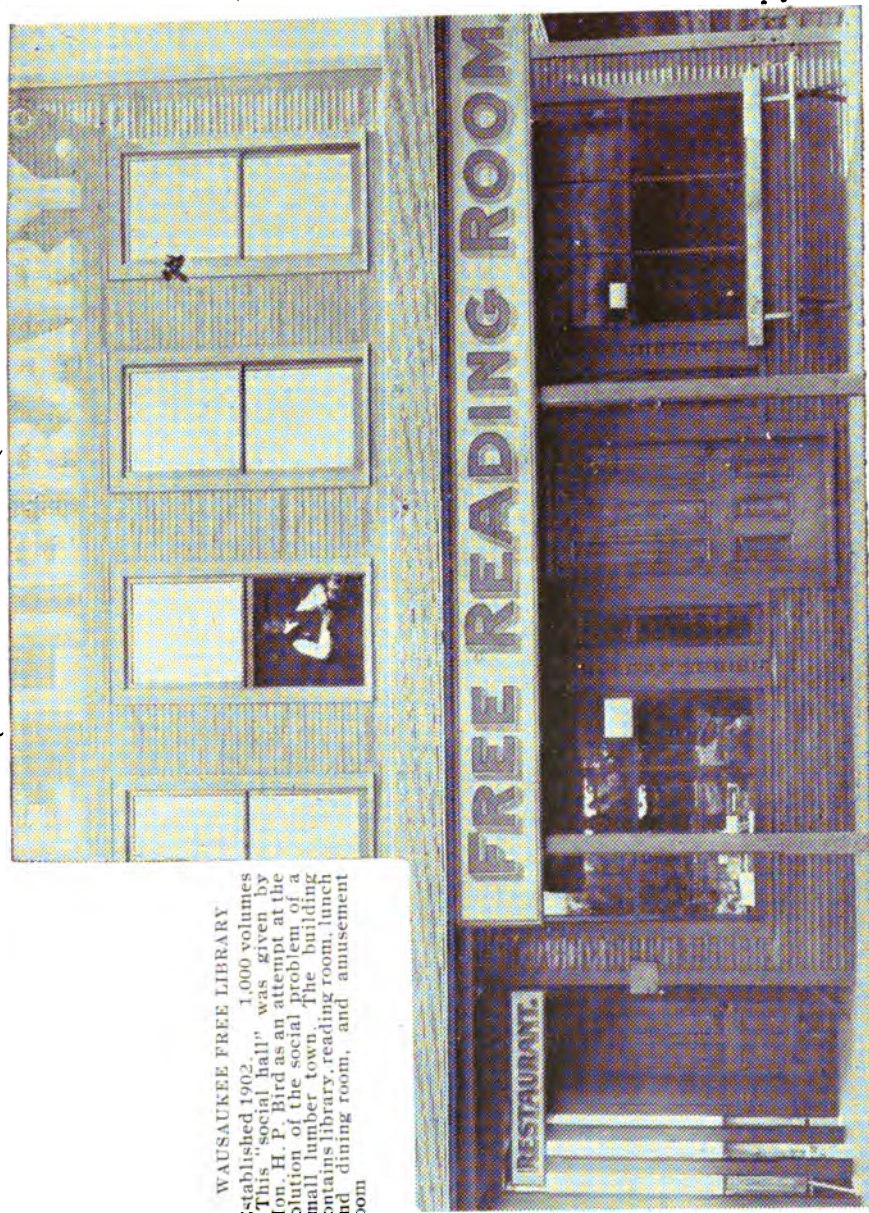
HARWOOD LIBRARY, WAUWATOSA
 Built in 1886, by the citizens. Population 2,842. Borrowers 409. Circulation 7,777
 Volumes 4,225. Tax \$700



WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Established 1900. Population 7,419. Borrowers 1,486. Circulation 15,915
 Volumes 3,207. Tax \$1,000. Carnegie building, 1904. \$15,000
 Architect, C. C. Anderson

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WAUSAKEE FREE LIBRARY
 Established 1902. 1,000 volumes
 This "social hall" was given by
 Hon. H. P. Bird as an attempt at the
 solution of the social problem of a
 small lumber town. The building
 contains library, reading room, lunch
 and dining room, and amusement
 room



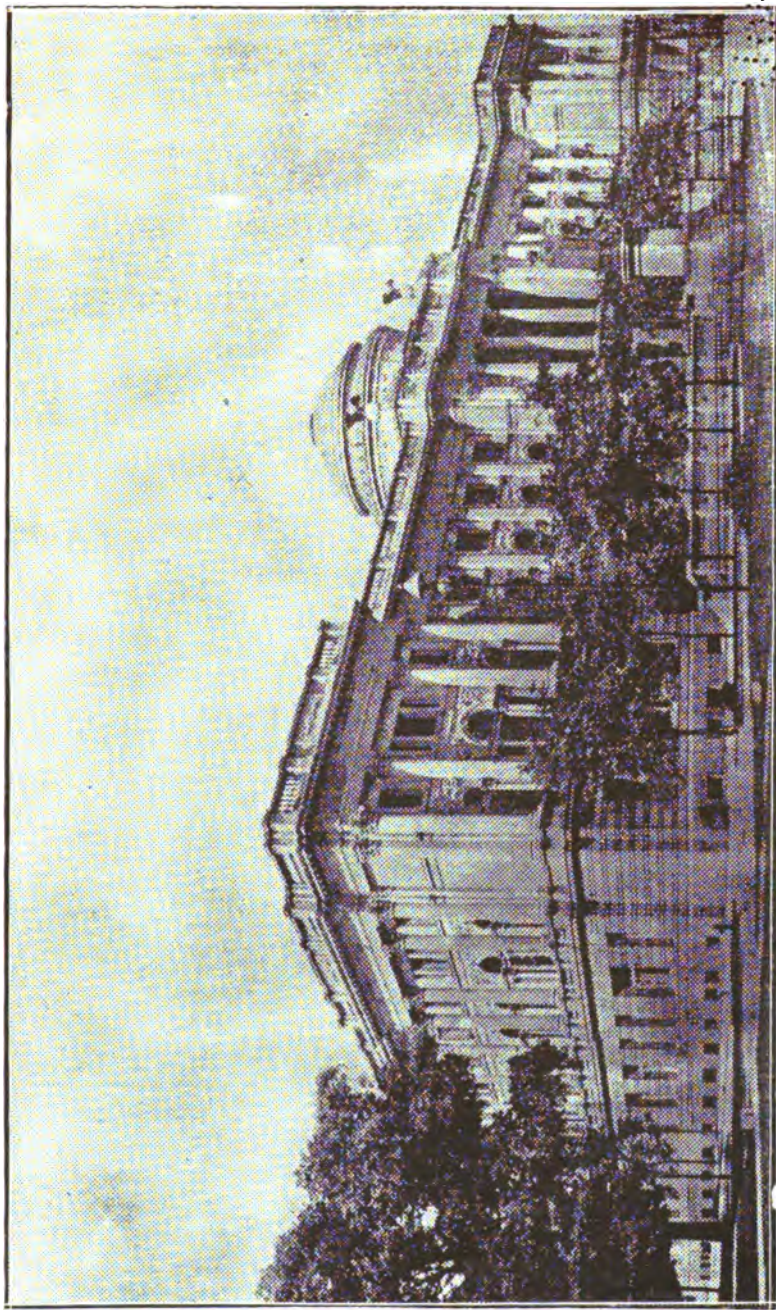
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CHIPPEWA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Children's Room



A Typical Scene in the
SPRING GREEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Established 1897. Population 621. Borrowers 178. Circulation 914.
Volumes 414. Tax \$100



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Established 1878. Population 285,315. Borrowers 26,731. Circulation 545,466. Volumes 145,781. $\frac{1}{2}$ Tax \$55,000. Building
erected in 1898 at a cost of \$512,000
Architects Ferry & Clas Milwaukee

